

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-8, 10, 12-17 are pending in the application, with claims 1, and 8 being the independent claims. Claims 1 and 8 are amended. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

Based on the above Amendment and the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Action on page 2, claims 1-8, 10, 12-17 are allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 12, 2nd paragraph. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112 2nd Paragraph

In the Action on page 2, claims 1 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 12, 2nd paragraph as being allegedly indefinite due to the term "substantially opaque." Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

The opacity of the shield, as described in the specification, "need not be completely opaque to such energy [in the wavelengths of the signal transmitted from the emitter], just sufficiently opaque to prevent emissions that are of a magnitude sufficient to permit their reception by sensors which are not physically proximate the emitter 716. In one embodiment, this is accomplished by substantially circumscribing the emitter 716 with an opaque shield 726. In the embodiment illustrated in FIG. 7, a shield 726 is provided to prevent unauthorized reception of the signal from the emitter 716." Specification, para. 91. One of ordinary skill in the art would be able to determine the opacity required once given the wavelength and strength of the emitted signal. The strength and wavelength of the emitted signal in turn determines how physically proximate the emitter needs to be to the sensor.

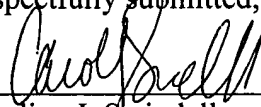
Claims 1 is amended to recite "substantially blocking the wavelength of the signal to prevent emissions that are of a magnitude sufficient to permit their reception by sensors which are not physically proximate the emitter." Claim 8 is similarly amended to recite "physically shielding the signal in a manner, with respect to the wavelength of the signal, to prevent emissions that are of a magnitude sufficient to permit their reception by sensors which are not physically proximate the emitter..." Applicants respectfully submit that amended claims 1 and 8 are not indefinite and request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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Respectfully submitted,

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